

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
a plurality of spaced apart monitoring systems, each of the systems includes at least one port for communicating, via a computer network to a displaced monitoring apparatus;
a monitoring apparatus displaced from members of the plurality, the apparatus which includes at least one port for communicating, via the computer network, with each of the systems including software for accessing the status of at least one region being monitored by a respective selected system, the apparatus including additional software for carrying out a walk test at a selected, remote monitoring system.
2. (Original) A system as in claim 1 which includes additional software for modifying a parameter setting, related to fire monitoring, at a respective selected system.
3. (Original) A system as in claim 1 where the apparatus includes software for determining the presence of an abnormal condition at a respective selected monitoring system.
4. (Original) A system as in claim 3 which includes additional software to modify at least one parameter, responsive to the presence of the abnormal condition, of the selected monitoring system.
5. (Original) A system as in claim 1 wherein the apparatus includes control circuitry to transmit software to a selected monitoring system for execution thereto.

6. (Original) A system as in claim 1 where each of the monitoring systems is specifiable by a pre-assigned network identifier.

7. (Original) A system as in claim 6 where the apparatus includes software enabling a user of the apparatus to interact with a specified, remote monitoring system substantially in real-time in evaluating at least a selected operational characteristic thereof.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Original) A system as in claim 7 where the operational characteristic comprises a sensitivity parameter of an ambient condition detector of the selected monitoring system.

10-15 (Canceled).

16. (Currently Amended) An apparatus that includes software recorded on a computer readable medium comprising:

first software displaying selectable identifiers for a plurality of displaced monitoring systems;

second software displaying status information relative to at least one selected system; and

third software enabling an operator to select an ambient condition detector in the at least one selected system and forward a command thereto via a computer network; and

fourth software displaying a walk test control screen.

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in claim ~~17~~ 16 which includes:
additional software to communicate with a selected monitoring system via the Internet.

18. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 17 with the third software including control software to establish an operator specified detector parameter to be forwarded via the Internet to the selected system for installation at the detector.

19. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 18 which includes circuitry for executing the software.

20. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 18 which includes pre-stored information relative to the selectable monitoring systems.

21. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 20 which includes retrieval software to obtain pre-stored information relative to a selected monitoring system.

22. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 20 where the control software transmits, via the Internet, executable programs to at least one selected monitoring system for execution thereat.

23. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 22 when the control software transmits one of data or a program to be installed in a selected ambient condition detector of a selected monitoring system.

24. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 16 which includes additional software for displaying images received from an identified, displaced monitoring system.

25-27 (Canceled).

28. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
a plurality of spaced apart monitoring systems, each of the systems includes at least one

port for communicating, via a computer network to a displaced monitoring apparatus;

a monitoring apparatus displaced from at least some of the members of the plurality, the apparatus which includes at least one port for communicating, via the computer network, with each of the systems including software for accessing the status of at least one region being monitored by a respective selected system the apparatus including interface software for displaying a walk test control screen; and

at least some of the plurality of spaced apart monitoring systems include a wireless port for wirelessly communicating with the computer network.

29. (New) A system comprising:

a plurality of spaced apart monitoring systems, each of the systems includes at least one port for communicating, via a computer network with at least one displaced monitoring unit;

a plurality of monitoring units each of which includes at least one port for communicating, via the computer network, with each of the systems, the units each include software for accessing the status of at least one region being monitored by a respective selected system, and for conducting tests thereof.

30. (New) A system as in claim 29 where at least one monitoring unit includes additional software for carrying out a walk test at a specified remote monitoring system.

31. (New) A system as in claim 29 where one monitoring unit communicates with and controls one predetermined group of monitoring systems and a different monitoring unit communicates with and controls a different predetermined group of monitoring systems.

32. (New) A system as in claim 29 where the monitoring units communicate with one another by a computer network.

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33. (New) A system as in claim 32 where at least one monitoring unit includes additional software for carrying out a walk test at a specified remote monitoring system.